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## IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT

## DIVISION FOUR

THE PEOPLE,

B155451

Plaintiff and Respondent,

(Super. Ct. No. TA059573)

v.

EUGENE CONNER,

Defendant and Appellant.

APPEAL from a judgment of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, Victoria M. Chavez, Judge. Affirmed.

Valerie G. Wass, under appointment by the Court of Appeal, for Defendant and Appellant.

No appearance for Plaintiff and Respondent.

After a long history of physical violence against his girlfriend, appellant Eugene Conner strangled her on March 28, 2001, causing her to die. He appeals from judgment convicting him of second degree murder and sentencing him to prison for a term of 15 years to life.

Appellant's court-appointed counsel filed an opening brief requesting this court to independently review the record pursuant to the holding of *People v. Wende* (1979) 25 Cal.3d 436, 441. On May 28, 2002, we advised appellant that he had 30 days within which to personally submit any contentions or issues which he wished us to consider. No response has been received to date.

We have examined the entire record and are satisfied that no arguable issues exist, and that appellant has, by virtue of counsel's compliance with the *Wende* procedure and our review of the record, received adequate and effective appellate review of the judgment entered against him in this case. (*Smith v. Robbins* (2000) 528 U.S. 259, 278.)

## **DISPOSITION**

The judgment is affirmed.

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED

CURRY, J.

We concur:

VOGEL (C.S.), P.J.

HASTINGS, J.